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re:	Hernandez	Confirmation No.:	7971
Appl No.:	10/686,069	Group Art Unit:	1772
Filed:	October 15, 2003	Examiner:	William P. Watkins, III
For:	GLASS FORMING TUBE, AND GLASS CAKE AND METHOD INCORPORATING SAME		

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 10, 2005, in which the Examiner has required restriction between Group I (Claims 1-4), Group II (Claims 5 and 9-11), Group III (Claims 12-14), Group IV (Claims 6-8), Group V (Claim 15), and Group VI (Claim 16). Applicant hereby provisionally elects with traverse to prosecute the claims of Group II (Claims 5 and 9-11) and expressly reserves the right to file divisional applications or take such other appropriate measures deemed necessary to protect the inventions in the remaining claims.

Should the Examiner have further questions or comments with respect to examination of this case, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned so that further examination of this application can be expedited.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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